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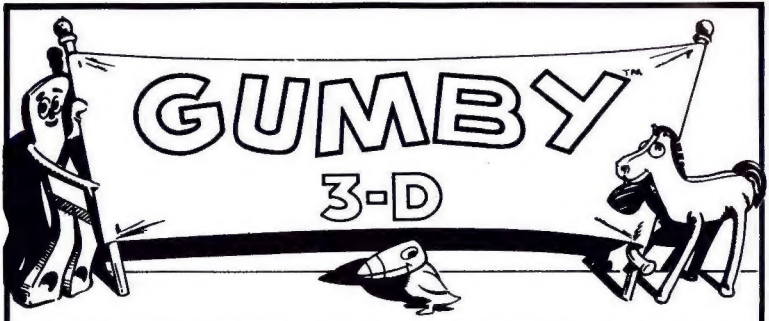

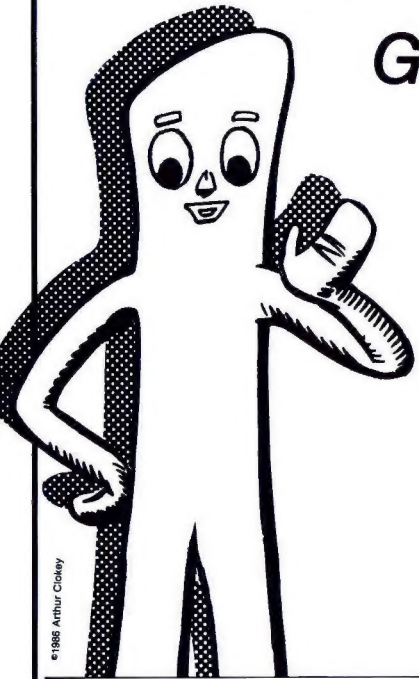

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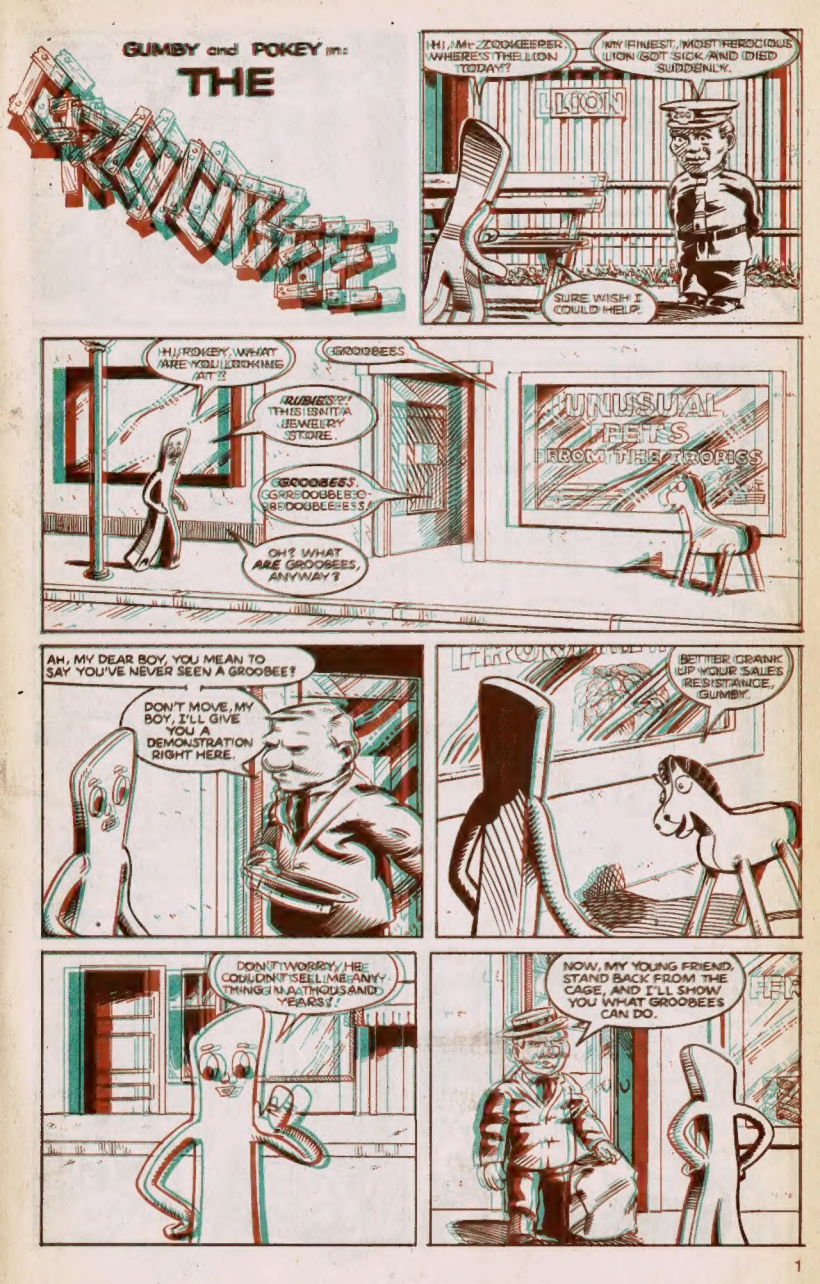
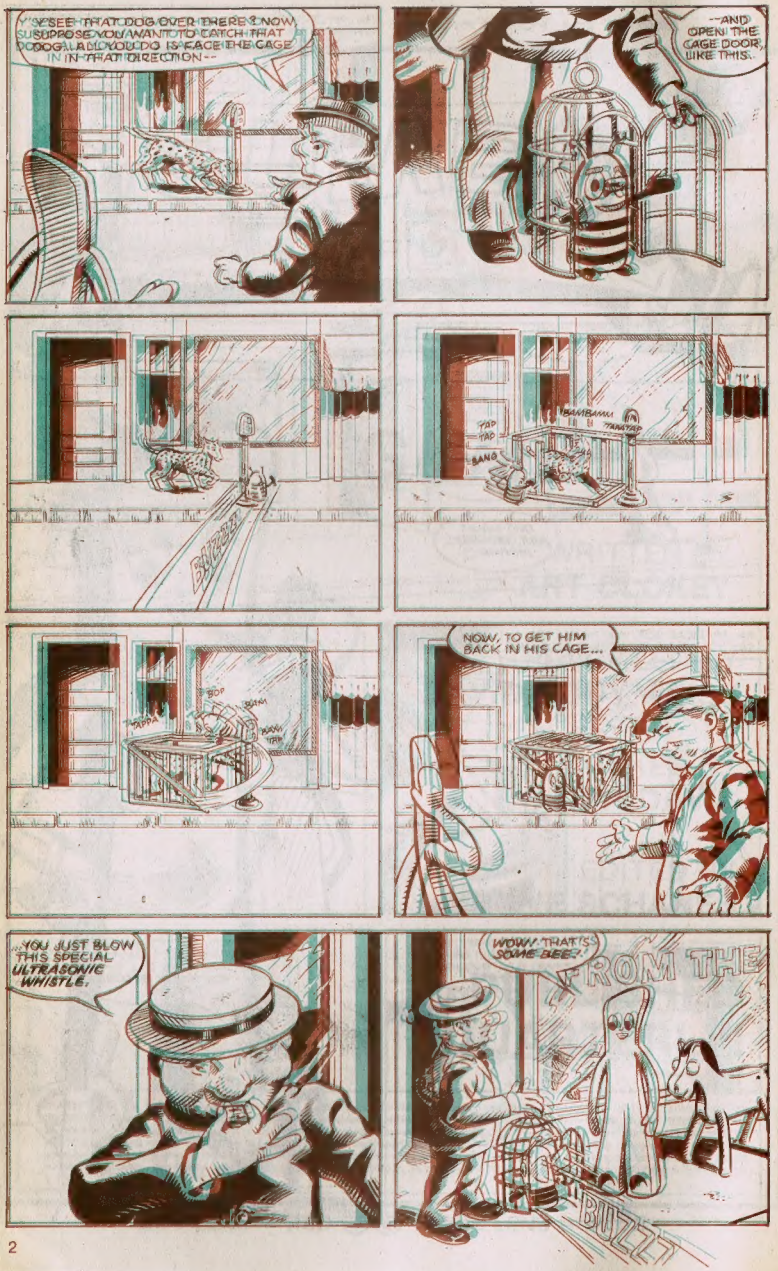
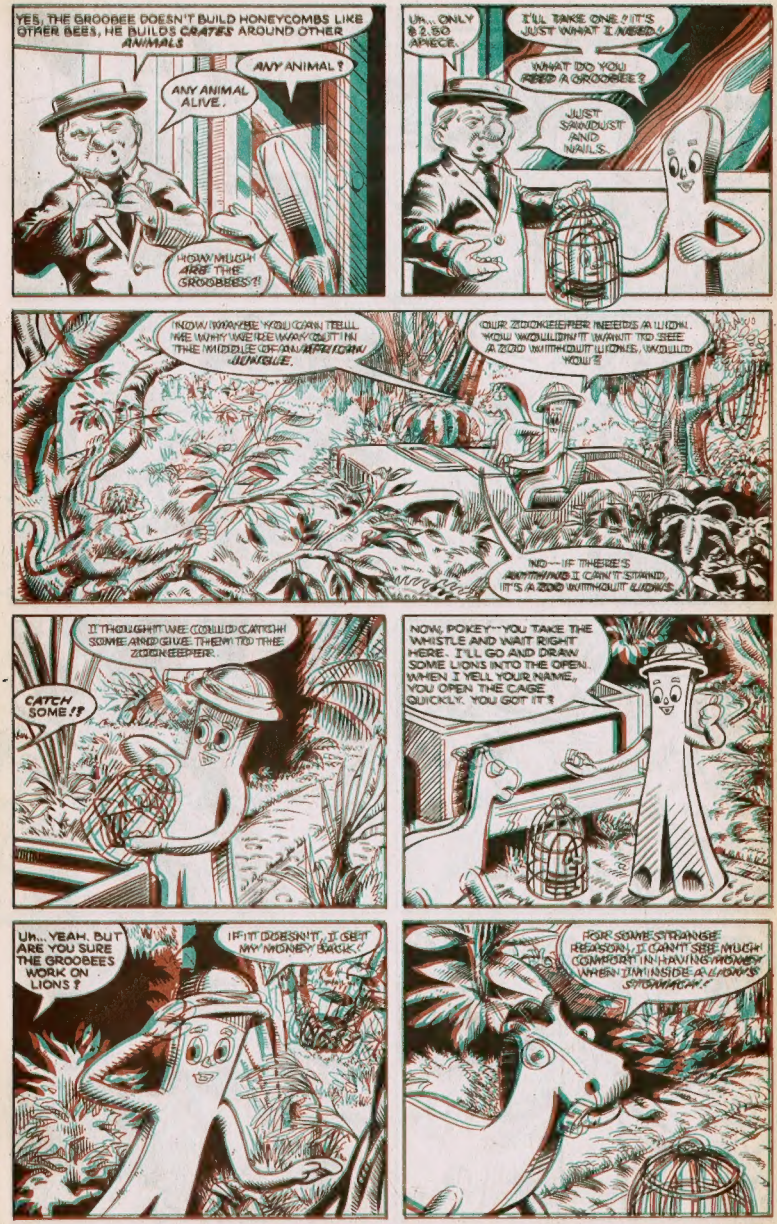
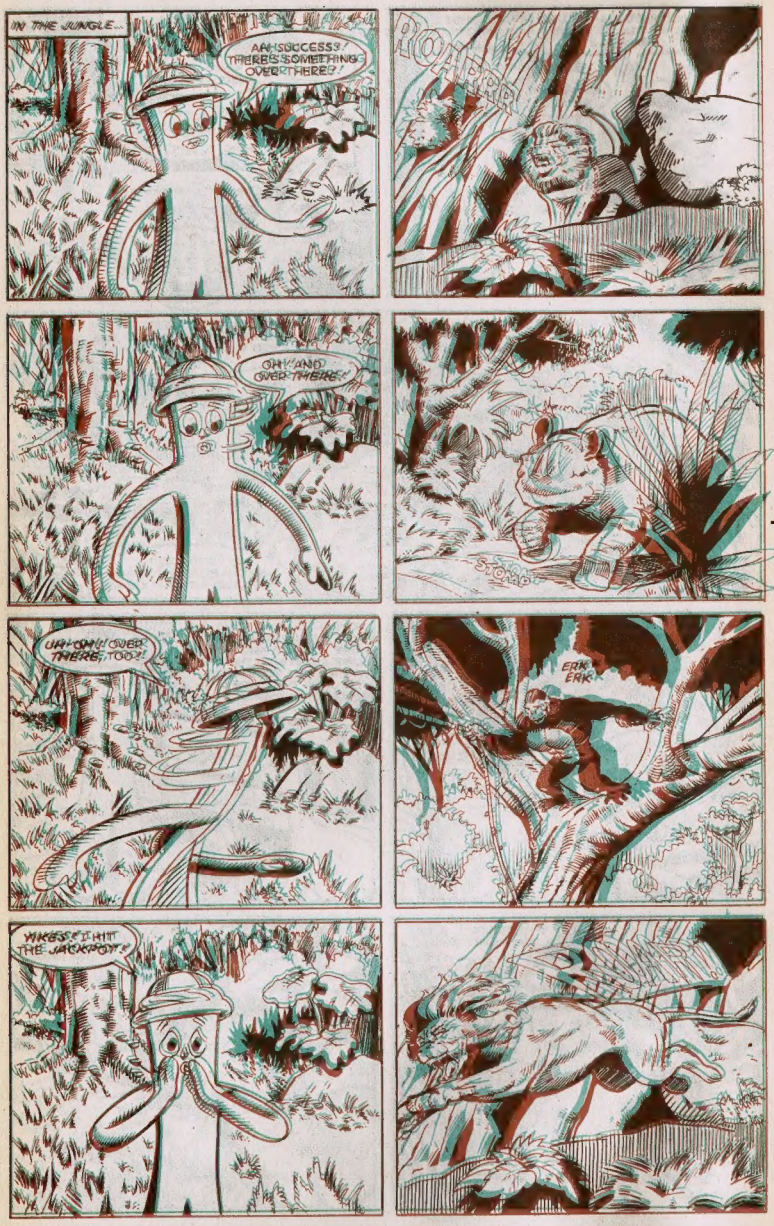
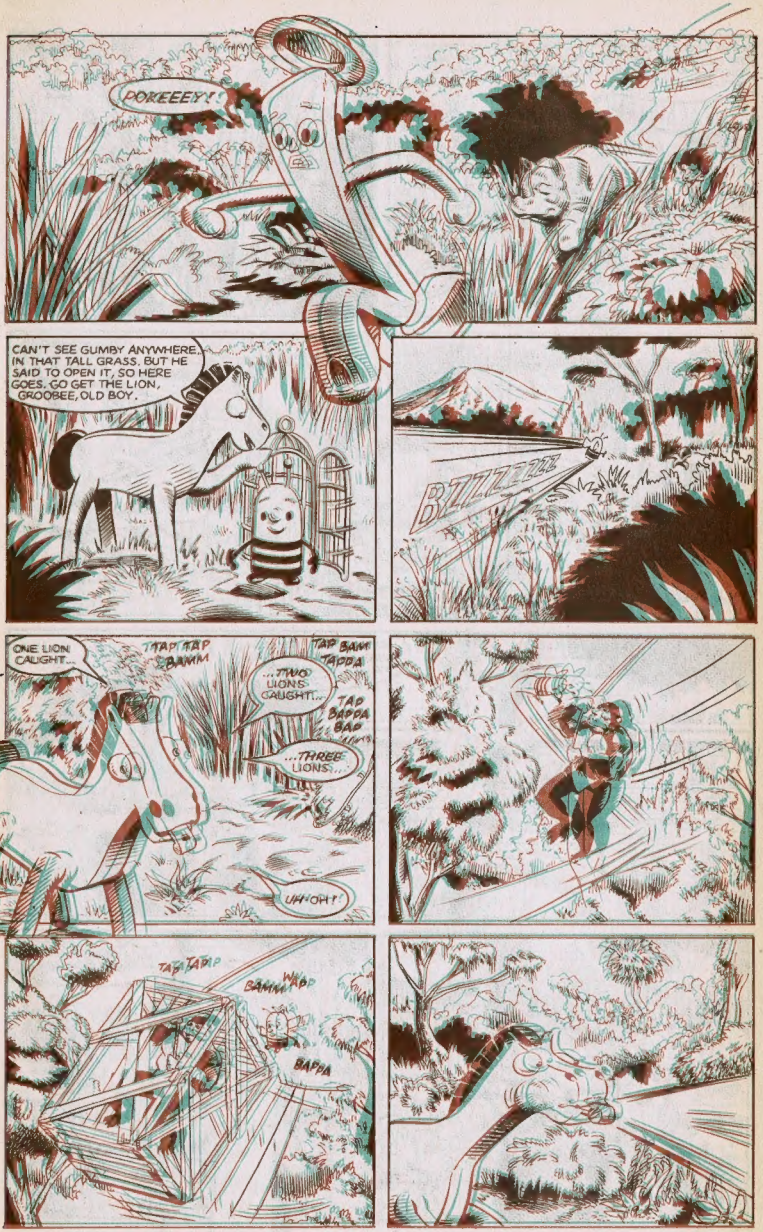
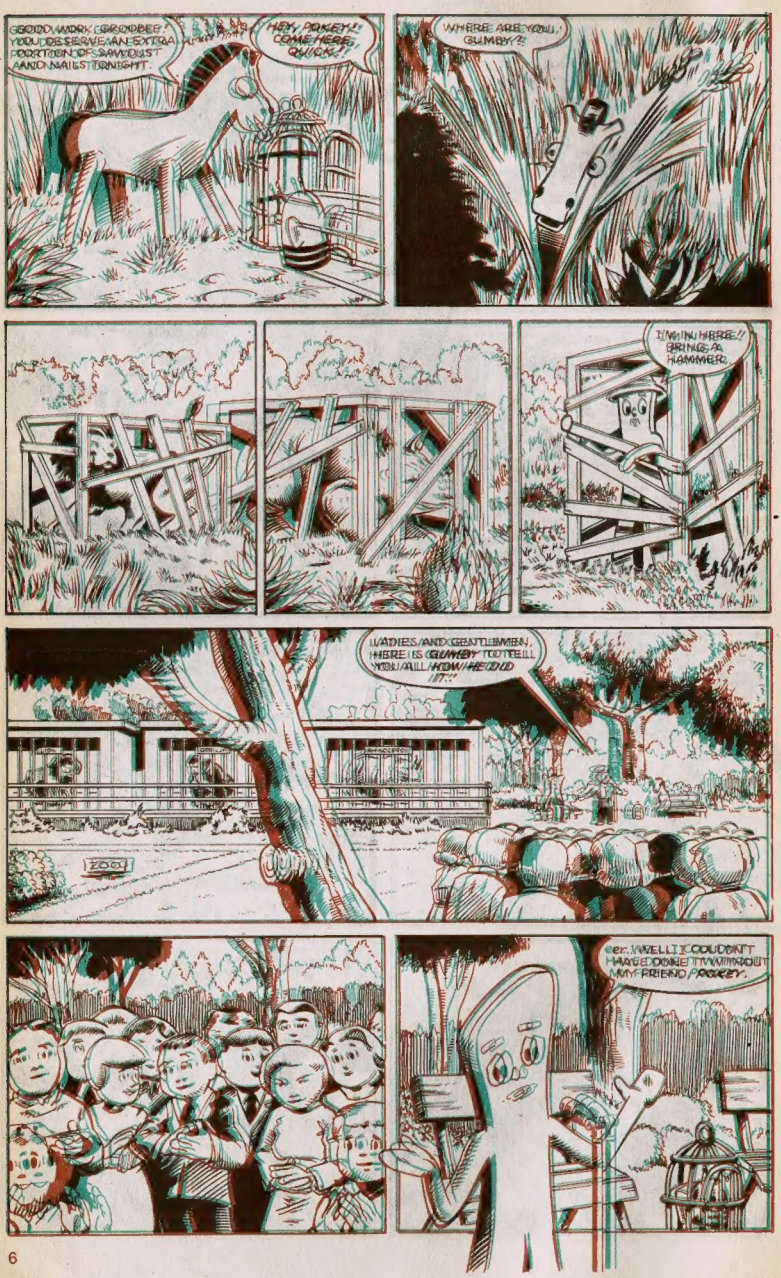

GUMBY and POKEY in:
THE
GROOBEE
HI, MR. ZOOKEEPER. WHERE'S THE LION TODAY?
MY FINEST, MOST FEROCIOUS LION GOT SICK AND DIED SUDDENLY.
LION
SURE WISH I COULD HELP.
HI, POKEY, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
GROOBEES
RUBIES?! THIS ISN'T A JEWELRY STORE.
GROOBEES. GRREOOUBLEOO-BEOOUBLEEESS!
OH? WHAT ARE GROOBEES, ANYWAY?
UNUSUAL PETS FROM THE TROPICS
AH, MY DEAR BOY, YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A GROOBEE?
DON'T MOVE, MY BOY, I'LL GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION RIGHT HERE.
BETTER CRANK UP YOUR SALES RESISTANCE, GUMBY.
DON'T WORRY, HE COULDN'T SEE ME ANY-THING IN A THOUS AND YEARS!
NOW, MY YOUNG FRIEND, STAND BACK FROM THE CAGE, AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT GROOBEES CAN DO.

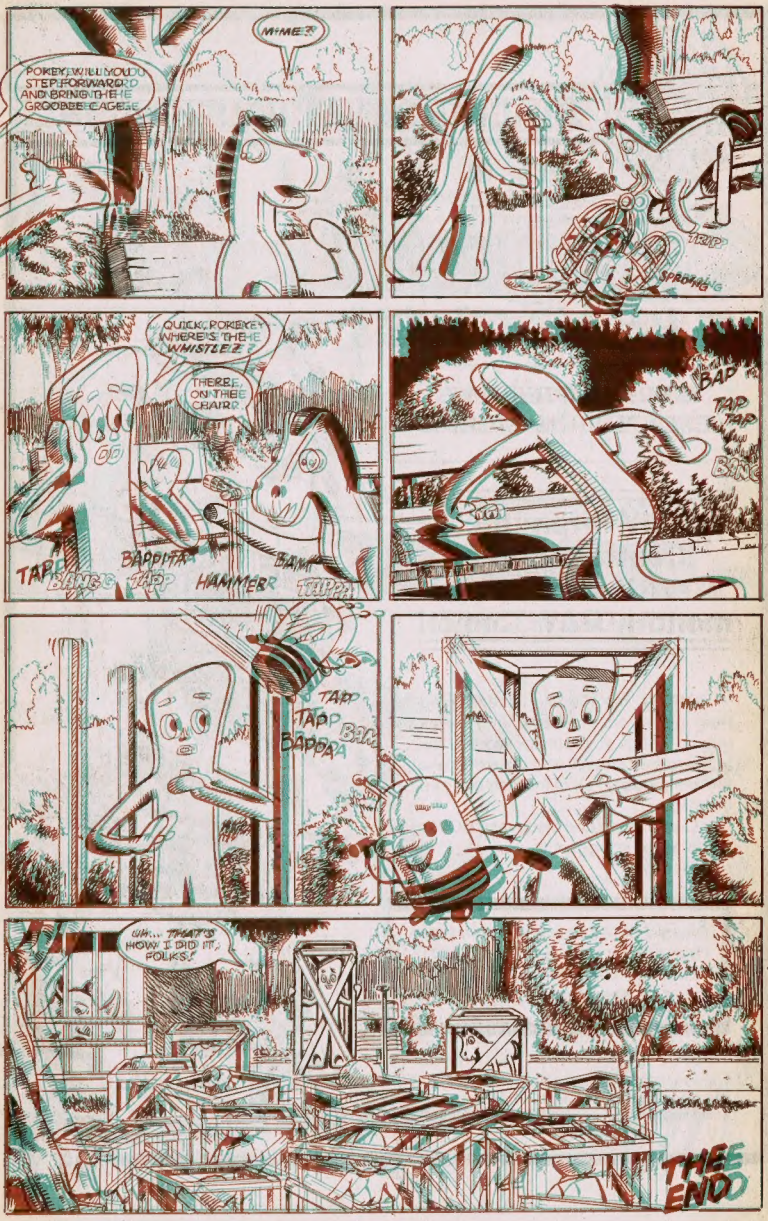

V'SEE THAT DOG OVER THERE? NOW, SUSUPPOSE YOU WANT TO CATCH THAT DOOGAL ALL YOU DO IS FACE THE CAGE IN IN THAT DIRECTION --
--AND OPEN THE CAGE DOOR, LIKE THIS.
BUZZZZ
TAP TAP
BANG
BAMBAMM
TANATAP
BOP
BAM
ZAPPA
BAM TIN
NOW, TO GET HIM BACK IN HIS CAGE...
...YOU JUST BLOW THIS SPECIAL ULTRASONIC WHISTLE.
WOW! THAT'S SOME BEE!
FROM THE
BUZZT


YES, THE GROOBEE DOESN'T BUILD HONEYCOMBS LIKE OTHER BEES, HE BUILDS CRATES AROUND OTHER ANIMALS
ANY ANIMAL?
ANY ANIMAL ALIVE.
HOW MUCH ARE THE GROOBEES?!
UH... ONLY $2.50 APIECE.
I'LL TAKE ONE.? IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED!
WHAT DO YOU FEED A GROOBEE?
JUST SAWDUST AND NAILS.
NOW, MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHY WE'RE WAY OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN AFRICAN JUNGLE.
OUR ZOOKEEPER NEEDS A LION. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE A ZOO WITHOUT LIONS, WOULD YOU?
NO — IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN'T STAND, IT'S A ZOO WITHOUT LIONS
I THOUGHT WE COULD CATCH SOME AND GIVE THEM TO THE ZOOKEEPER.
CATCH SOME!?
NOW, POKEY — YOU TAKE THE WHISTLE AND WAIT RIGHT HERE. I'LL GO AND DRAW SOME LIONS INTO THE OPEN. WHEN I YELL YOUR NAME, YOU OPEN THE CAGE QUICKLY. YOU GOT IT?
UH... YEAH, BUT ARE YOU SURE THE GROOBEES WORK ON LIONS?
IF IT DOESN'T, I GET MY MONEY BACK.
FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, I CAN'T SEE MUCH COMFORT IN HAVING HOMEY WHEN I'M INSIDE A LION'S STOMACH!


IN THE JUNGLE...
AAH! SUCCESS? THERE'S SOMETHING OVER THERE?
ROAR!!
OH! AND OVER THERE!
STOMP
UH-OH!! OVER THERE, TOO?
ERK ERK
YIKES! I HIT THE JACKPOT!


DOREEEEY!
CAN'T SEE GUMBY ANYWHERE. IN THAT TALL GRASS. BUT HE SAID TO OPEN IT, SO HERE GOES. GO GET THE LION, GROOBEE, OLD BOY.
BZZZZZZ
ONE LION CAUGHT...
TAP TAP BAMM
TAP BAM TAPPA
...TWO LIONS CAUGHT!...
TAP BADDA BAP
...THREE LIONS...
UH-OH!
TAP TAP!
WHAM
BAMMA
BAPPA


GOOD WORK, GROOBER! YOU DESERVE AN EXTRA humbug
PORTION OF SAWDUST AND NAILS TONIGHT!
HEY, POKEY!! COME HERE, QUICK!!
WHERE ARE YOU, GUMBY?
I'M IN HERE!! BRING A HAMMER
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HERE IS GUMBY TO TELL YOU ALL HOW HE DID IT!!
ZOO
er, WELL, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT MY FRIEND, POKEY.


POKEY, WILL YOU DO STEP FORWARD AND BRING THE GROOBEE CAGES
MIME?
TRIP
SPROING
QUICK, POKEY! WHERE'S THE WHISTLE?
THERE, ON THEE CHAIR!
TAP
BANG
BAPPITA
TAP
HAMMER
BAM
TAPPA
BAD
TAP TAP
BANG
TAPP
TAPP
BAM
BAPPAA
UH... THAT'S HOW I DID IT, FOLKS!
THEE END

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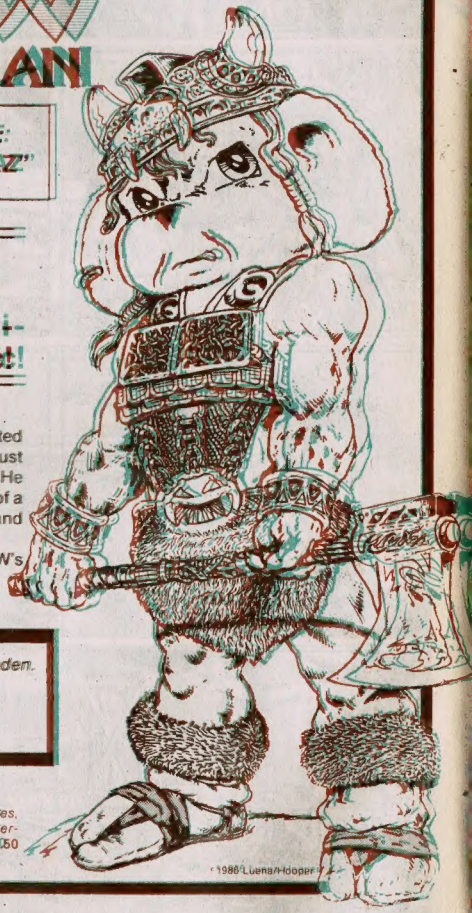

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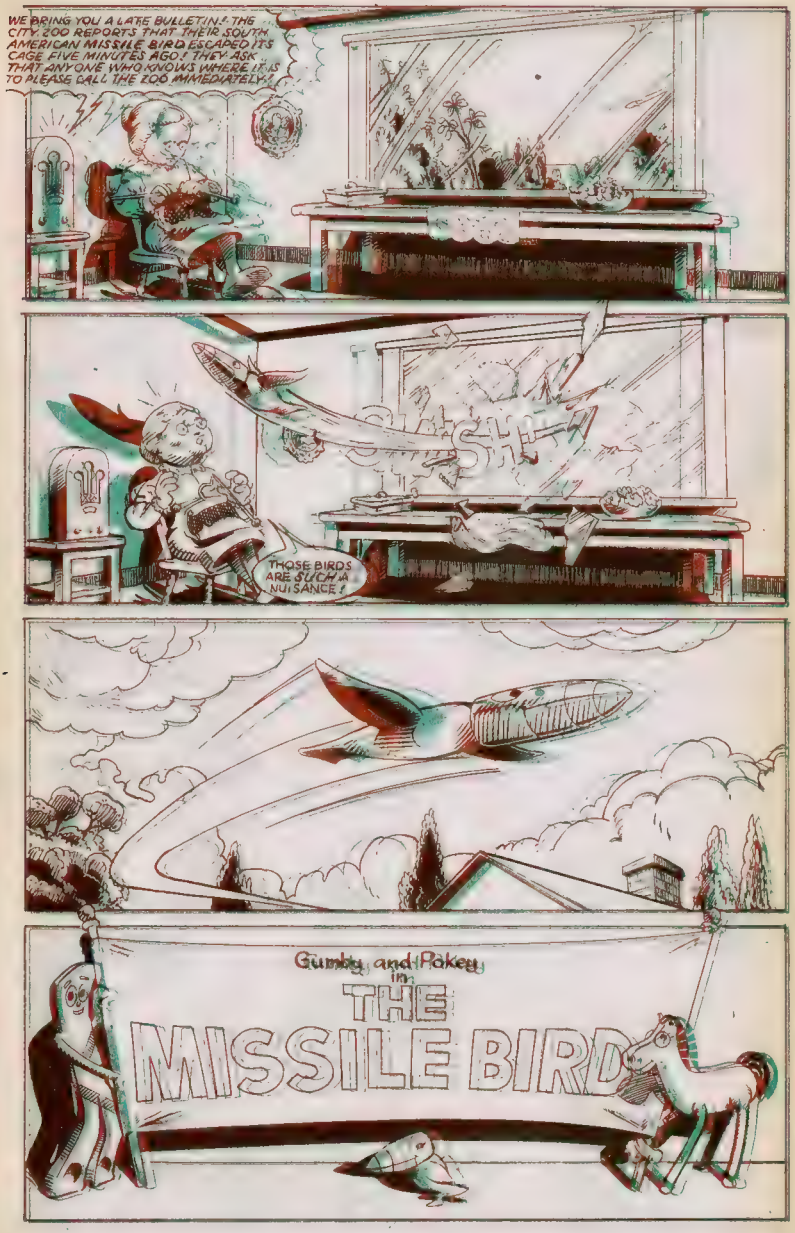
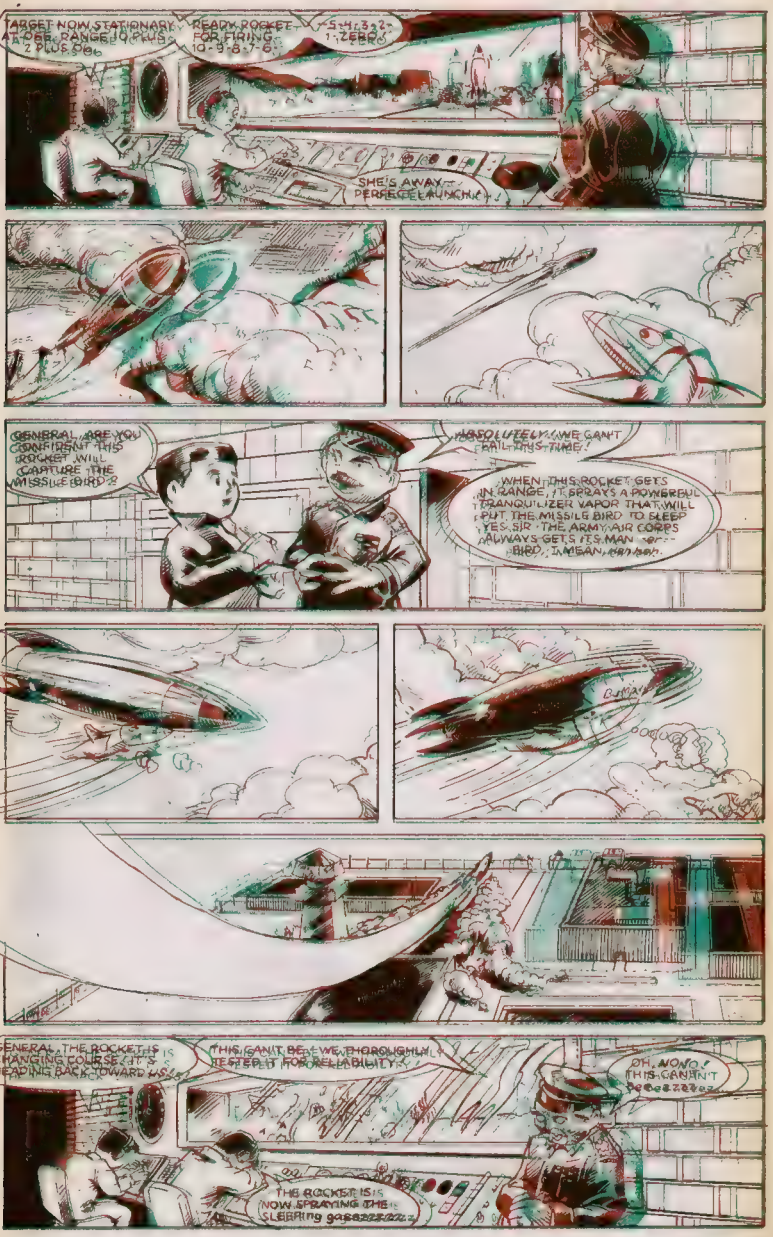
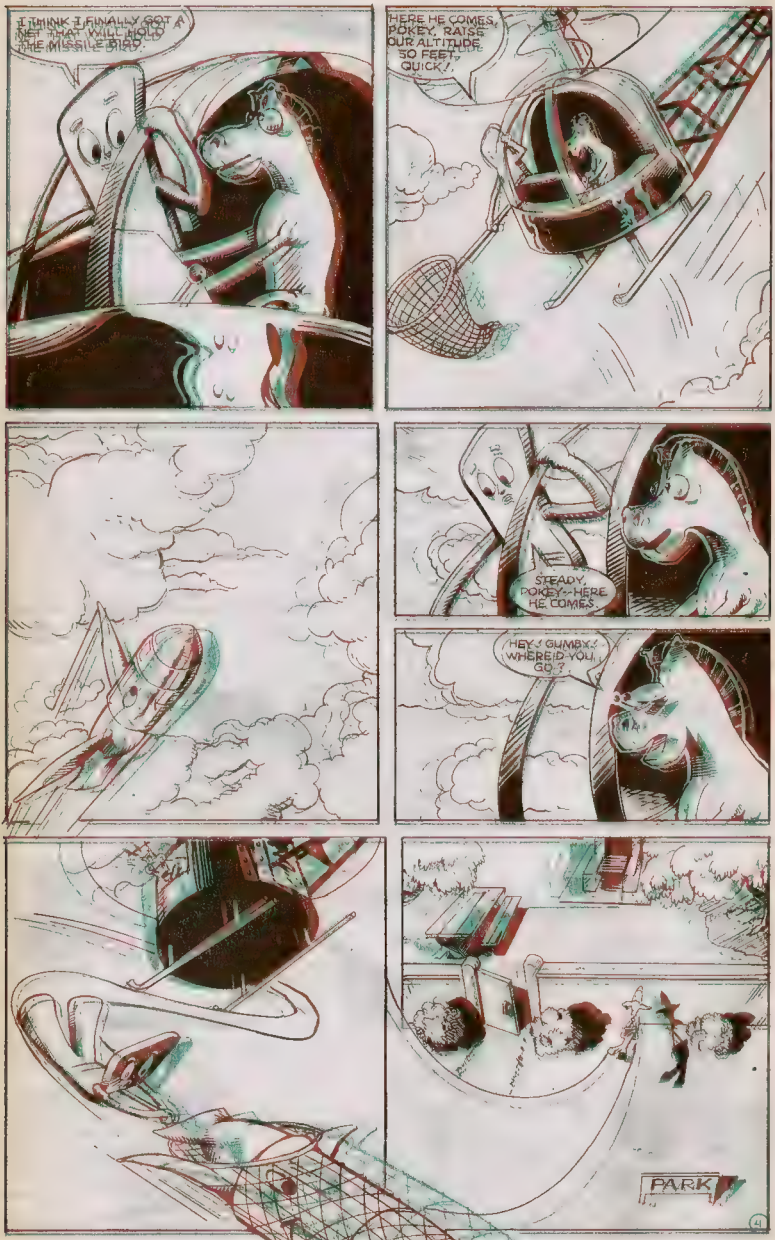

WE BRING YOU A LATE BULLETIN! THE CITY ZOO REPORTS THAT THEIR SOUTH AMERICAN MISSILE BIRD ESCAPED ITS CAGE FIVE MINUTES AGO! THEY ASK THAT ANYONE WHO KNOWS WHERE IT IS TO PLEASE CALL THE ZOO IMMEDIATELY!
SHH
THOSE BIRDS ARE SUCH A NUISANCE!
Gumby and Pokey in
THE MISSILE BIRD

NUTS! STILL NOT ENOUGH VISCOSITY!
VISCOSITY? WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?
I NEED TO MAKE A THREAD FILAMENT, STRONGER THAN STEEL FOR A NET TO CATCH THE MISSILE BIRD WITH. THERE'S A BIG REWARD FOR WHOEVER CAPTURES IT ALIVE.
HOW'S YOUR EXPERIMENT COMING, GUMBY?
IT JUST WON'T GEL, PROFESSOR.
I SEE YOU NEED MY HELP. WELL, LET'S SEE NOW
JUST A FEW DROPS OF THIS ACID SHOULD DO IT.
BOOM
AH, THE BEAUTY OF SCIENCE IS WHEN YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, YOU KNOW?
MISTAKE? THAT WAS A CATASTROPHE! IS THE MISSILE BIRD WORTH IT?
TOM, LOOK! IT'S THE MISSILE BIRD!
GOSH! SO THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. THE WHOLE ARMY AND AIR FORCE ARE TRYING TO CATCH IT!


TARGET NOW STATIONARY AT 250 RANGE 10 PLUS 2 PLUS 500
READY ROCKET FOR FIRING 10-9-8-7-6
5-4-3-2-1-ZERO
SHE'S AWAY— PERFECT LAUNCH!
GENERAL, ARE YOU CONFIDENT THIS ROCKET WILL CAPTURE THE MISSILE BIRD?
ABSOLUTELY! WE CAN'T FAIL THIS TIME!
WHEN THIS ROCKET GETS IN RANGE, IT SPRAYS A POWERFUL TRANQUILIZER VAPOR THAT WILL PUT THE MISSILE BIRD TO SLEEP
YES, SIR. THE ARMY AIR CORPS ALWAYS GETS ITS MAN— OF— BIRD, I MEAN, AH! HA!
BANG!
GENERAL, THE ROCKET IS CHANGING COURSE. IT'S HEADING BACK TOWARD US!
THIS CAN'T BE! WE THOROUGHLY TESTED IT FOR RELIABILITY!
OH, NO! THIS CAN'T BE
THE ROCKET IS NOW SPRAYING THE SLEEPING gas


I THINK I FINALLY GOT A NET THAT WILL HOLD THE MISSILE BIRD.
HERE HE COMES, POKEY. RAISE OUR ALTITUDE 50 FEET, QUICK!
STEADY, POKEY--HERE HE COMES.
HEY! GUMBY! WHERE'D YOU GO?
PARK
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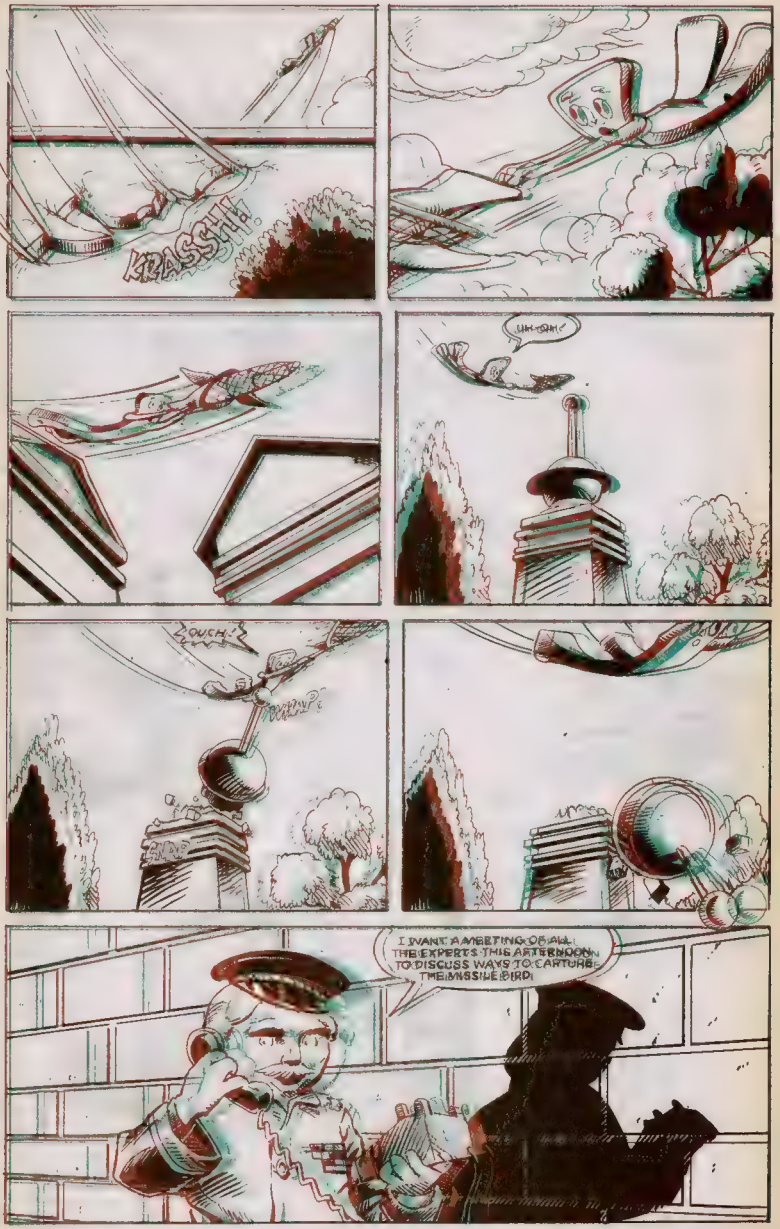
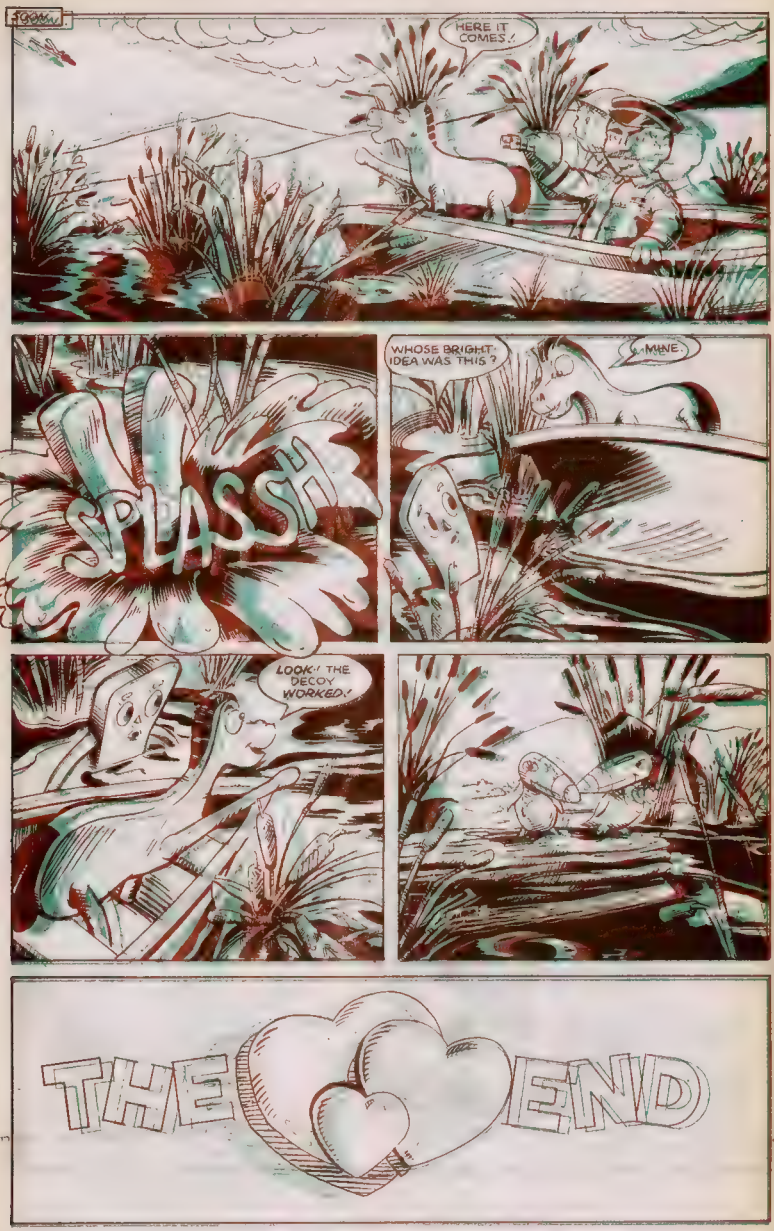

KRASSH!
UH-OH!
OUCH!
I WANT A MEETING OF ALL THE EXPERTS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS WAYS TO CAPTURE THE MISSILE BIRD!

HOLD ON, POPPY. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
OH! I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE GENERAL ABOUT REWARDING MY ARCHFIEND GUNCRAZY
DO YOU HAVE A PASS?
NO, BUT IF WELL, THEN, I'M SORRY, THIS PLACE IS RESTRICTED.
I HAVE A BETTER WAY TO GET IN THERE ANYWAY.
SURE IS!
NO NOISE, GENTLEMEN, LET ME ABOUT MY IDEAS ON HOW TO CONQUER THE WORLD.
GENERAL, WE'LL FIRST WOUND THE EARTH WITH A TRIPLE AND BLOW IT!
BOOM!!!
...AND ALTITURE, AND ETC., CIRCUMFERENCE AND THEN, WITH THE HEMHAW MUMBLE DIGITAL CON...
I DON'T WHAT HAPPENED...
YES, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!


ZOOM..
HERE IT COMES!
SPLASH
WHOSE BRIGHT IDEA WAS THIS?
MINE.
LOOK! THE DECOY WORKED!
THE END

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AND TAKE A GANDER AT THIS AWESOME SPECTER OF VENGENCE TYPE COSTUME I GOT WITH THE CUTE LIL PICTURE OF A BAT ON IT —
NUFFIN ELSE!

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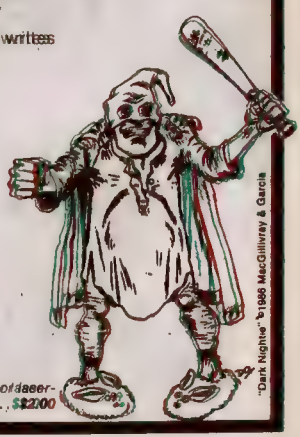

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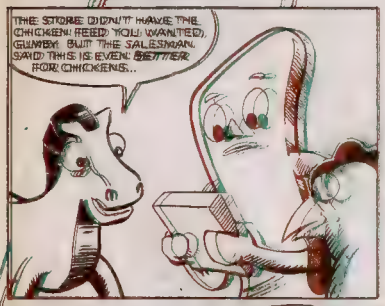
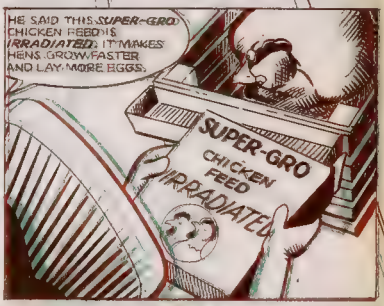
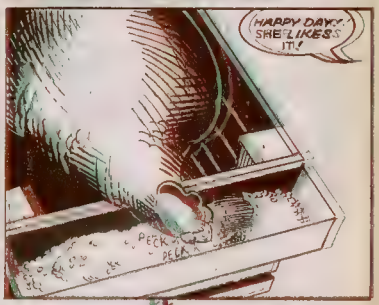
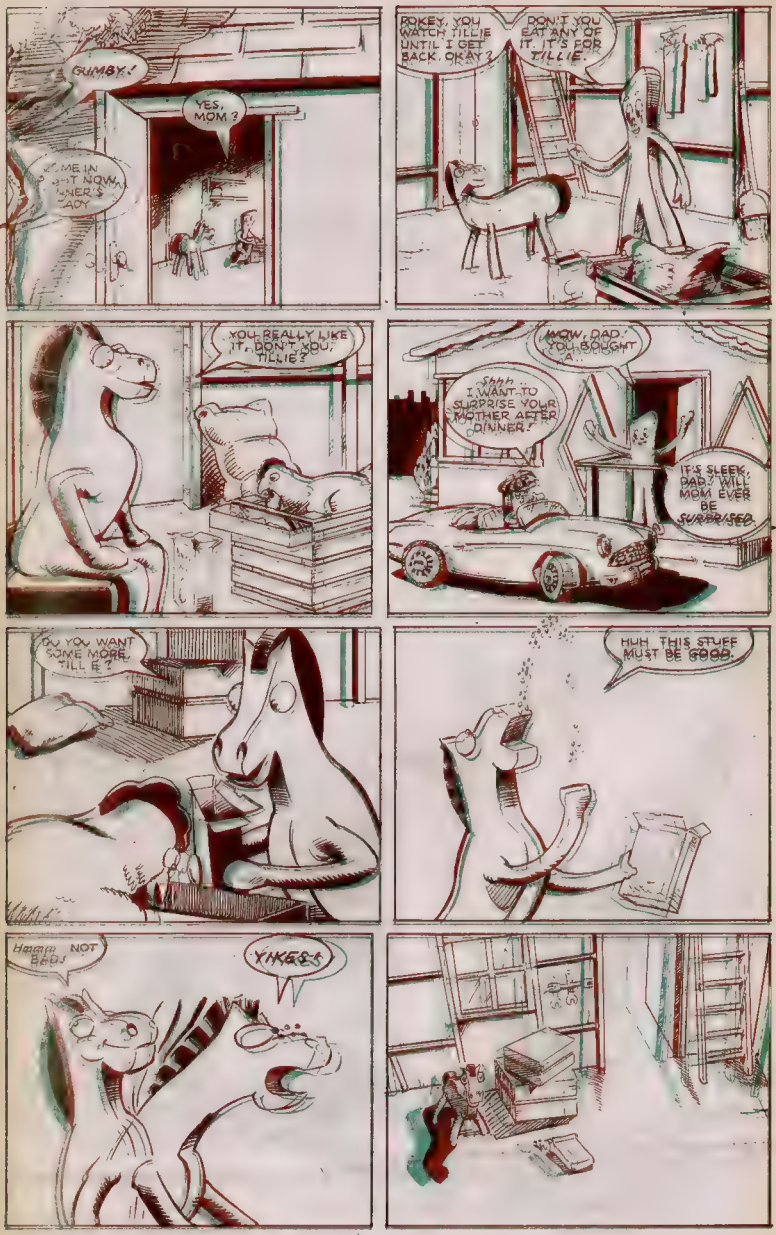
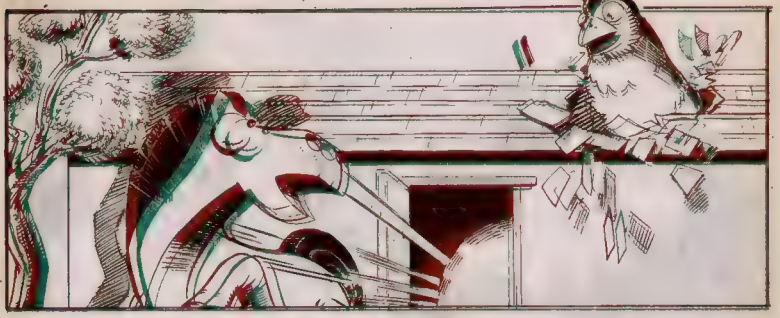
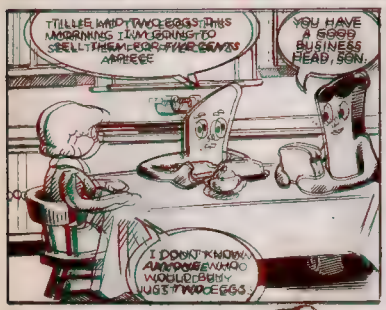


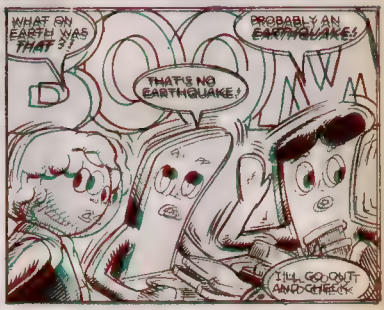

HE SAID THIS SUPER-GRO CHICKEN FEED IS IRRADIATED. IT MAKES HENS GROW FASTER AND LAY MORE EGGS.
SUPER-GRO CHICKEN FEED IRRADIATED

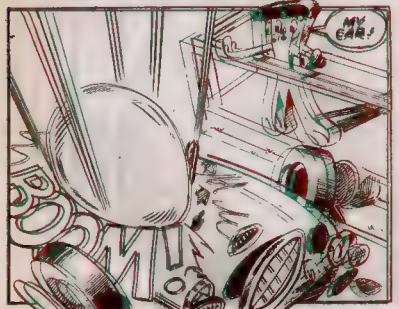


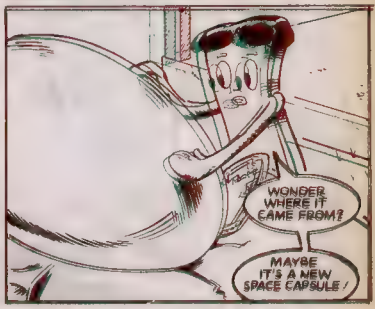

GUMBY!
YES, MOM?
POKEY, YOU WATCH TILLIE UNTIL I GET BACK. OKAY?
DON'T YOU EAT ANY OF IT. IT'S FOR TILLIE.
YOU REALLY LIKE IT, DON'T YOU, TILLIE?
WOW, DAD, YOU BOUGHT A...
Shhh I WANT TO SURPRISE YOUR MOTHER AFTER DINNER!
IT'S SLEEK, DAD! WILL MOM EVER BE SURPRISED.
DO YOU WANT SOME MORE, TILLIE?
HUH. THIS STUFF MUST BE GOOD.
Hmmm NOT BAD!
YIKES!

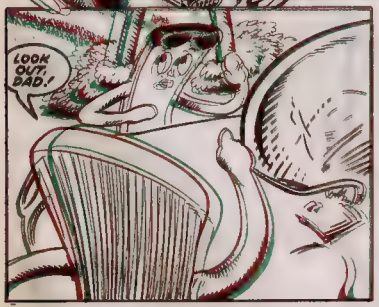


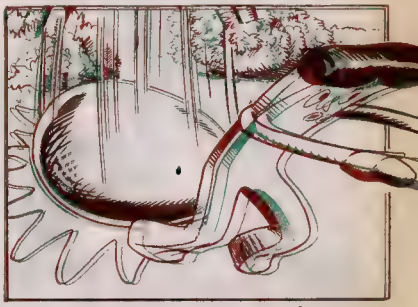

TILLIE, HAD TWO EGGS THIS MORNING. I'M GOING TO SELL THEM FOR FIVE CENTS APIECE
YOU HAVE A GOOD BUSINESS HEAD, SON.
I DON'T KNOW, AMBROSE. WHO WOULD BUY MY JUGS TWO EGGS.

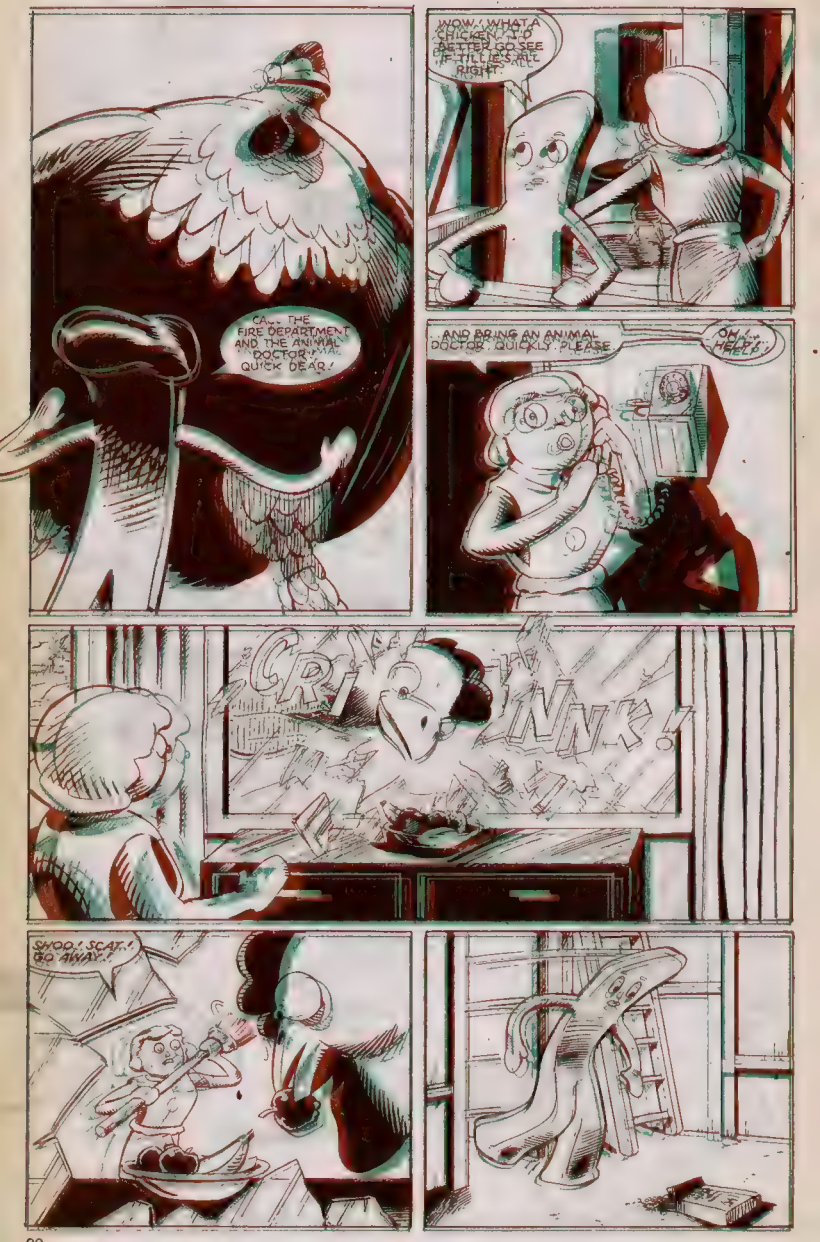

WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?
PROBABLY AN EARTHQUAKE!
BOOM
THAT'S NO EARTHQUAKE!
I'LL GO OUT AND CHECK

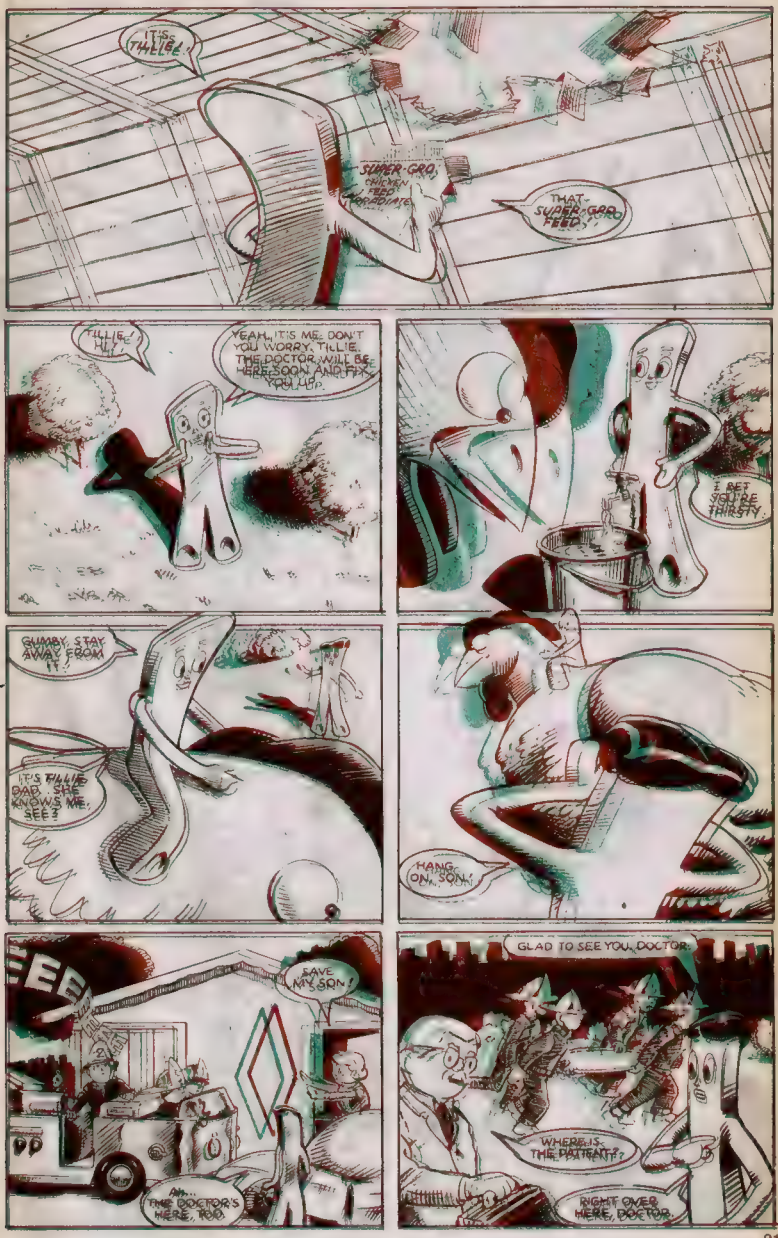

MY EAR!
BOOM

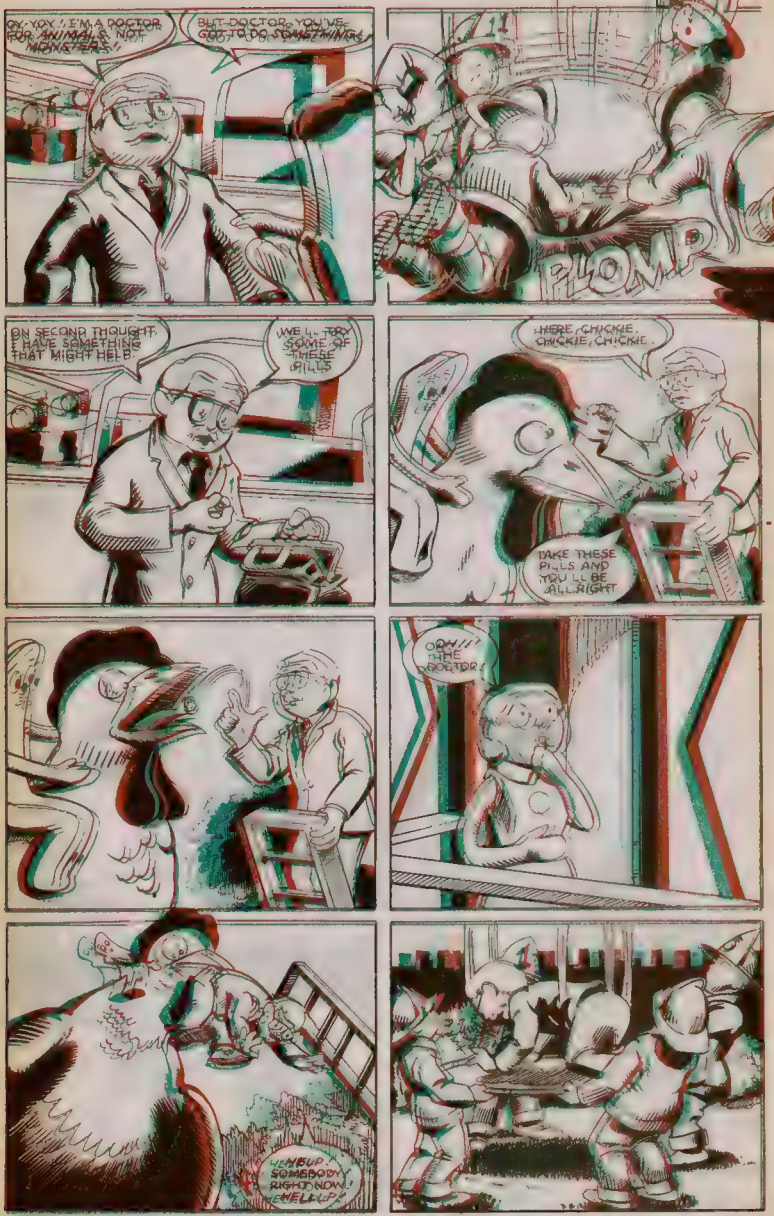

WONDER WHERE IT CAME FROM?
MAYBE IT'S A NEW SPACE CAPSULE!

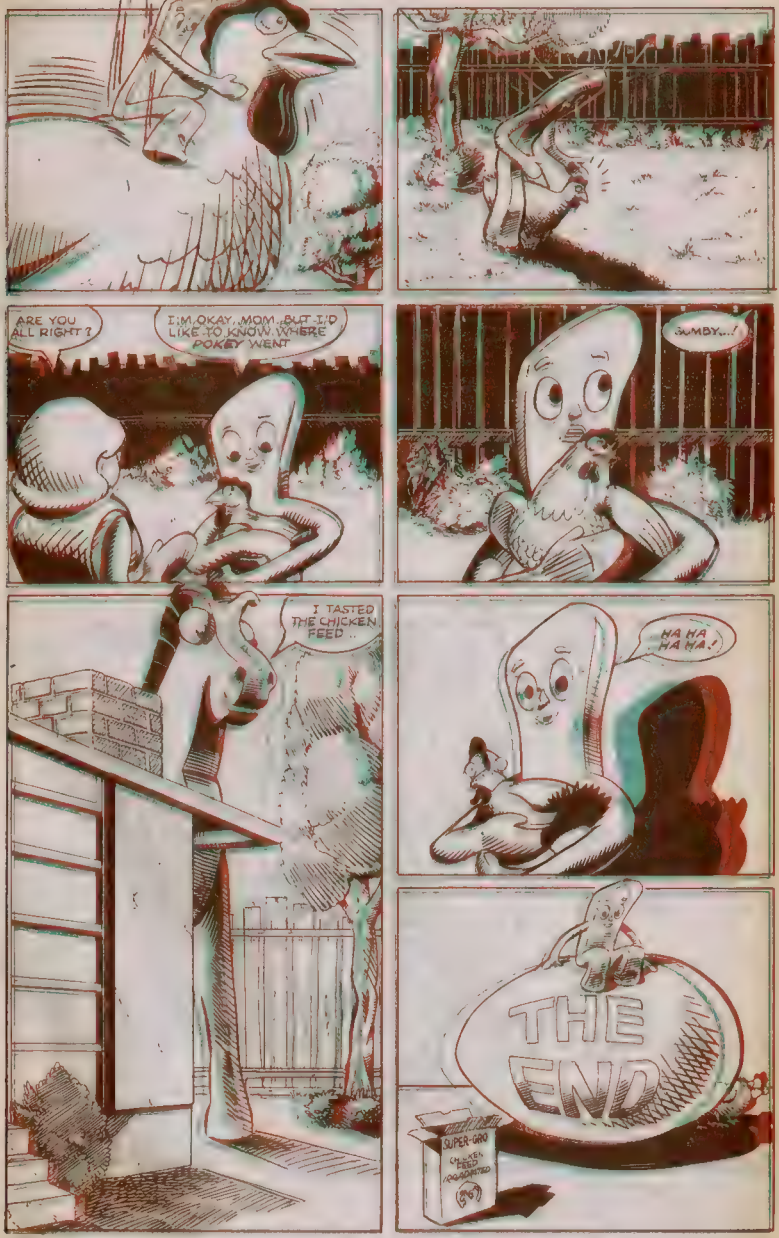

LOOK OUT, DAD!




CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE ANIMAL DOCTOR! QUICK DEAR!
WOW! WHAT A CHICKEN! I'D BETTER GO SEE IF STILLIE'S ALL RIGHT!
AND BRING AN ANIMAL DOCTOR QUICKLY, PLEASE
OH... HELP!
CRUNNK!
SHOO! SCAT! GO AWAY!


IT IS TILLIE!
SUPER-GRO CHICKEN FEED CONCENTRATE
THAT SUPER-GRO FEED?
TILLIE, HI!
YEAH, IT'S ME. DON'T YOU WORRY, TILLIE. THE DOCTOR WILL BE HERE SOON AND FIX YOU UP.
I BET YOU'RE THIRSTY.
GUMBY, STAY AWAY FROM IT!
IT'S TILLIE DAD. SEE KNOWS ME. SEE?
HANG ON, SON!
SAVE MY SON!
AH... THE DOCTOR'S HERE, TOO.
GLAD TO SEE YOU, DOCTOR.
WHERE IS THE PATIENT?
RIGHT OVER HERE, DOCTOR.


OY-YOY-! I'M A DOCTOR FOR ANIMALS, NOT MONSTERS!
BUT DOCTOR, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
PLOMP
ON SECOND THOUGHT, I HAVE SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP
WELL-- TRY SOME OF THESE PILLS
HERE, CHICKIE, CHICKIE, CHICKIE
TAKE THESE PILLS AND YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT
OOH!! THE DOCTOR!
HEH-HUP! SOMEBODY RIGHT NOW! HEH-HUP!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
I'M OKAY, MOM...BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE POKEY WENT
I TASTED THE CHICKEN FEED ..
DUMBY...!
HA HA HA HA !
THE END
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CHICKEN FEED
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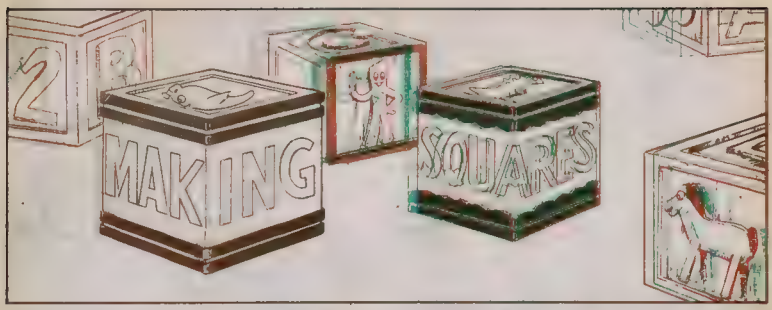
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MAKING
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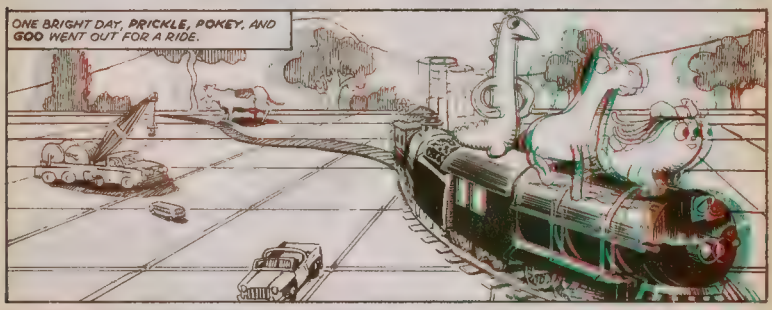
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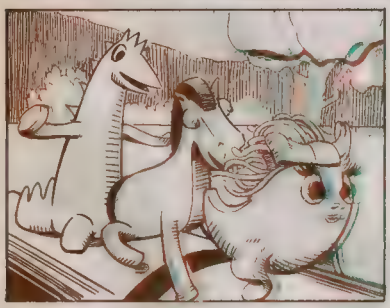
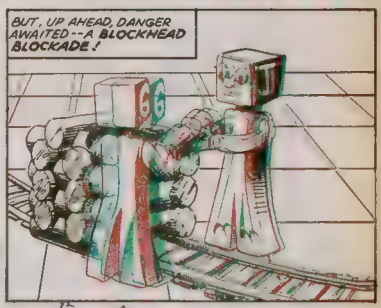
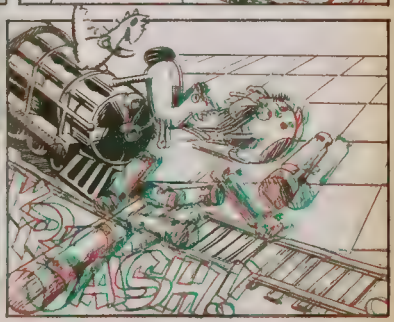
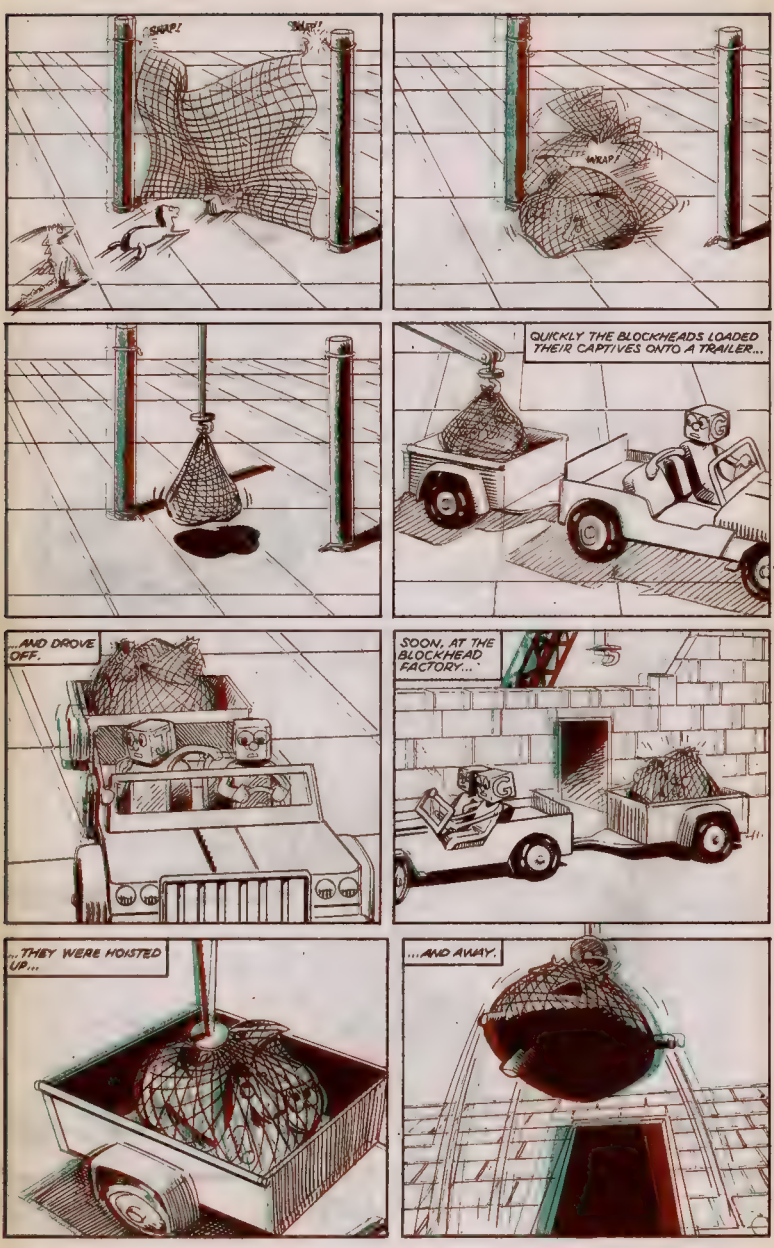
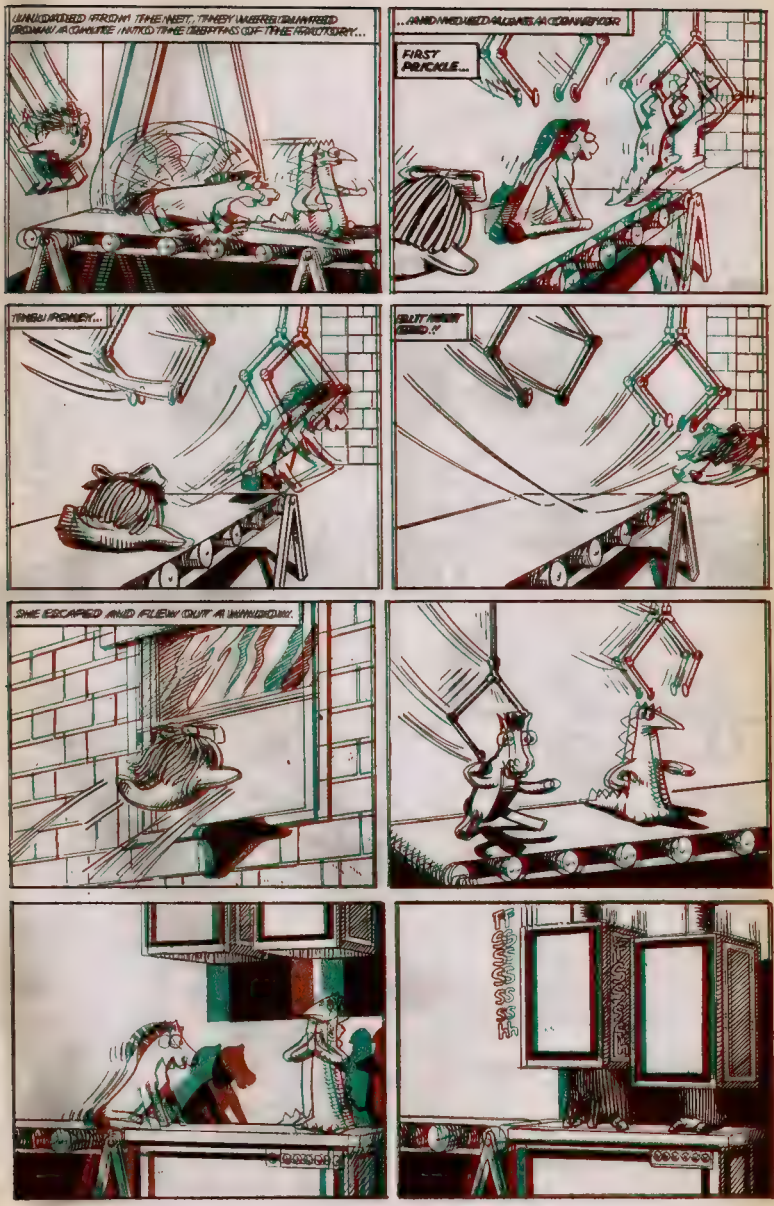


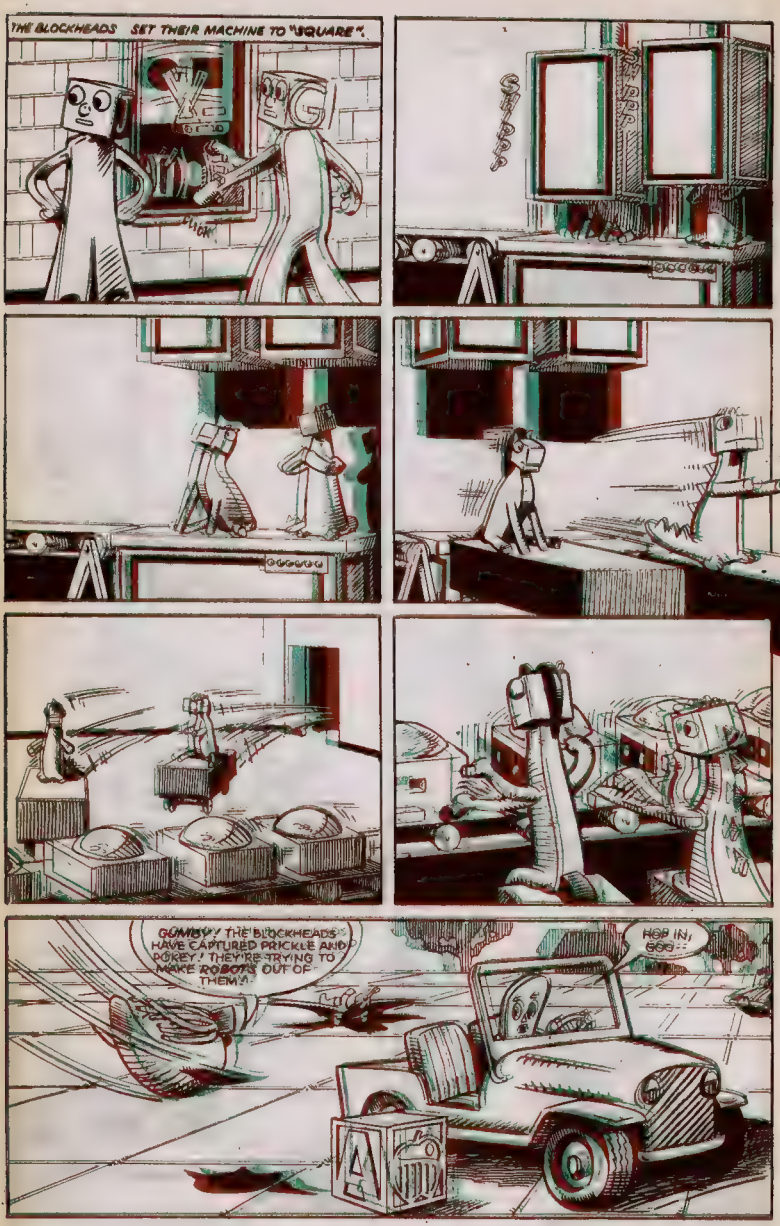

BUT, UP AHEAD, DANGER AWAITED--A BLOCKHEAD BLOCKADE!

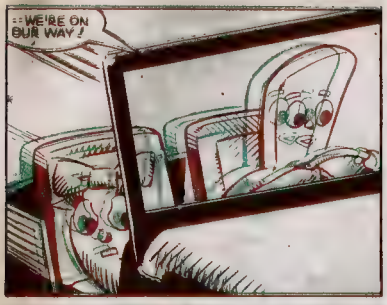
AFTER SETTING THEIR TRAP, THE TWO BLOCKHEADS RAN TO HIDE BEHIND THEIR CRANE TO WAIT..

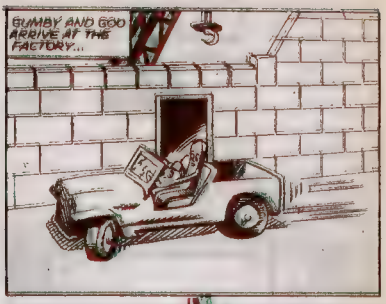

CRASH!

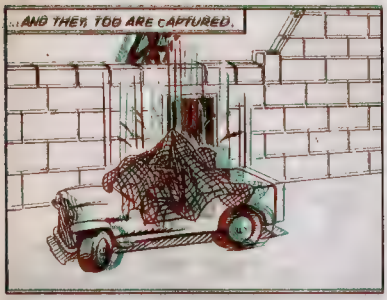

SNAP!
SNAP!!
WRAP!
QUICKLY THE BLOCKHEADS LOADED THEIR CAPTIVES ONTO A TRAILER...
...AND DROVE OFF.
SOON, AT THE BLOCKHEAD FACTORY...
...THEY WERE HOISTED UP...
...AND AWAY.

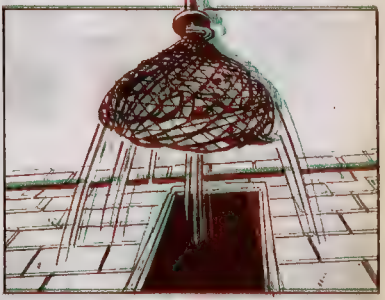

UNKNOWN TO THE VISITORS, THEY WERE BEING WATCHED BY A CAMOUFLAGED MUTOID TIME TRAPPED OFF THE FACTORY...
...AND WHEN THEY ALIGHTED ON A CONVEYOR
FIRST PRICKLE...
THEN FRANKLY...
SUDDENLY THEY FOUND...!
SHE ESCAPED AND FLEW OUT A WINDOW.
SCRUNCH
SCRUNCH

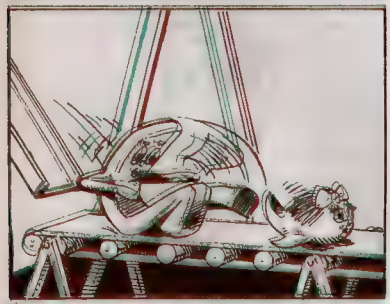

THE BLOCKHEADS SET THEIR MACHINE TO "SQUARE".
SWOOP
GUMBY! THE BLOCKHEADS HAVE CAPTURED PRICKLE AND POKEY! THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE ROBOTS OUT OF THEM!
HOP IN, GO!!

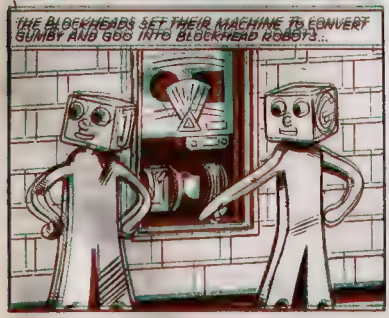

:: WE'RE ON OUR WAY !

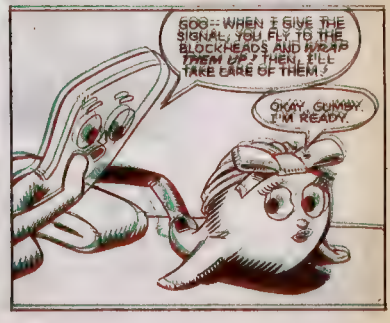

GUMBY AND GOO ARRIVE AT THE FACTORY...

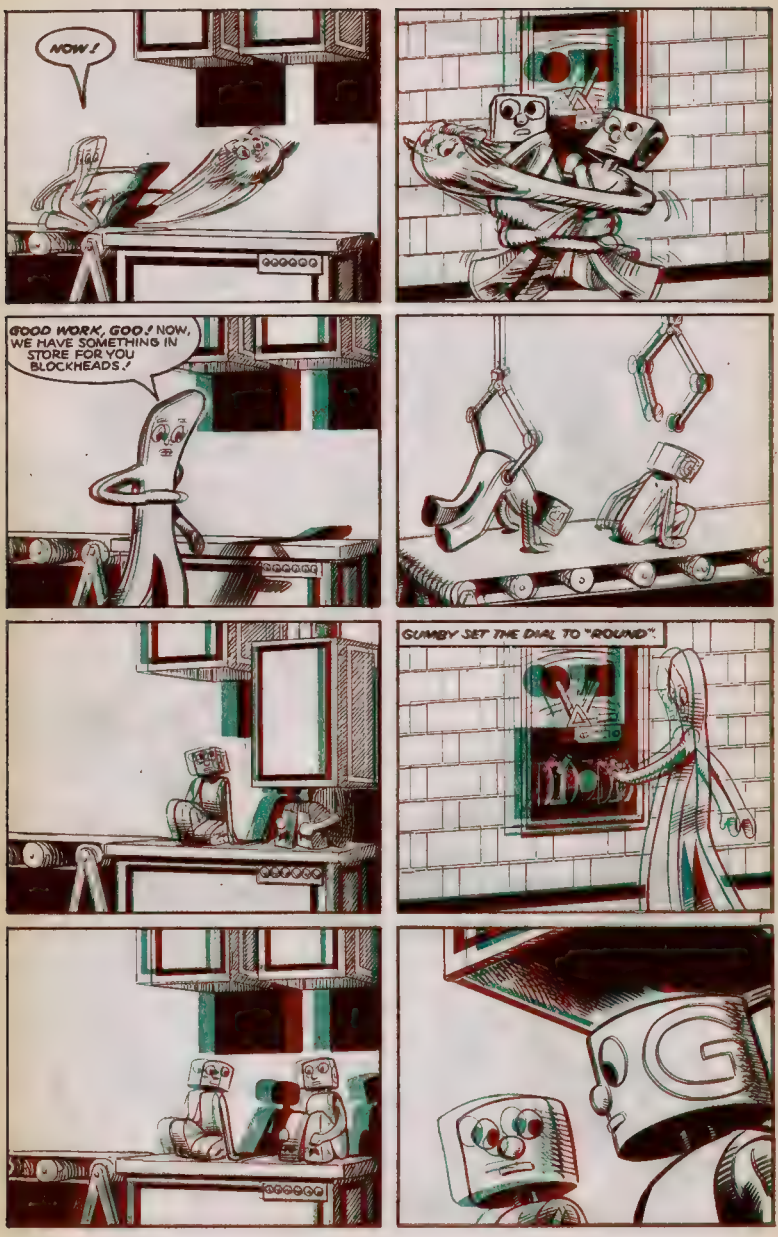

...AND THEY, TOO ARE CAPTURED.

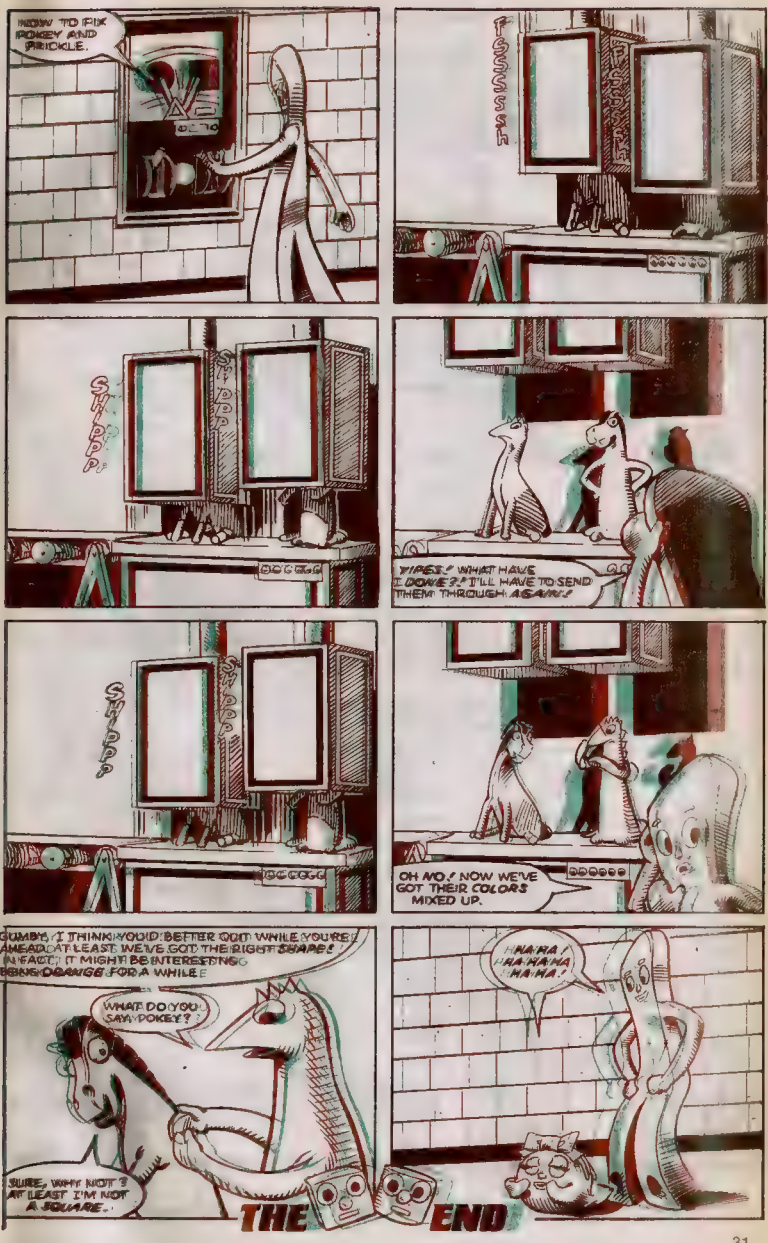





THE BLOCKHEADS SET THEIR MACHINE TO CONVERT GUMBY AND GOO INTO BLOCKHEAD ROBOTS...


GOO:: WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, YOU FLY TO THE BLOCKHEADS AND WRAP THEM UP ! THEN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM !
OKAY, GUMBY. I'M READY.


NOW!
GOOD WORK, GOO! NOW, WE HAVE SOMETHING IN STORE FOR YOU BLOCKHEADS!
GUMBY SET THE DIAL TO "ROUND".


NOW TO FIX POKEY AND PRICKLE.
FSSSSSSH
SHOOP
SHOOP
DOGGGG
YIPES! WHAT HAVE I DONE?! I'LL HAVE TO SEND THEM THROUGH AGAIN!
SHOOP
SHOOP
DOGGGG
OH NO! NOW WE'VE GOT THEIR COLORS MIXED UP.
GUMBY, I THINK YOU'D BETTER QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD! AT LEAST WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT SHAPES! IN FACT, IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING BEING DOGGIES FOR A WHILE.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, POKEY?
SURE, WHY NOT? AT LEAST I'M NOT A SQUARE.
HA HA! HA HA HA HA HA!
THE END

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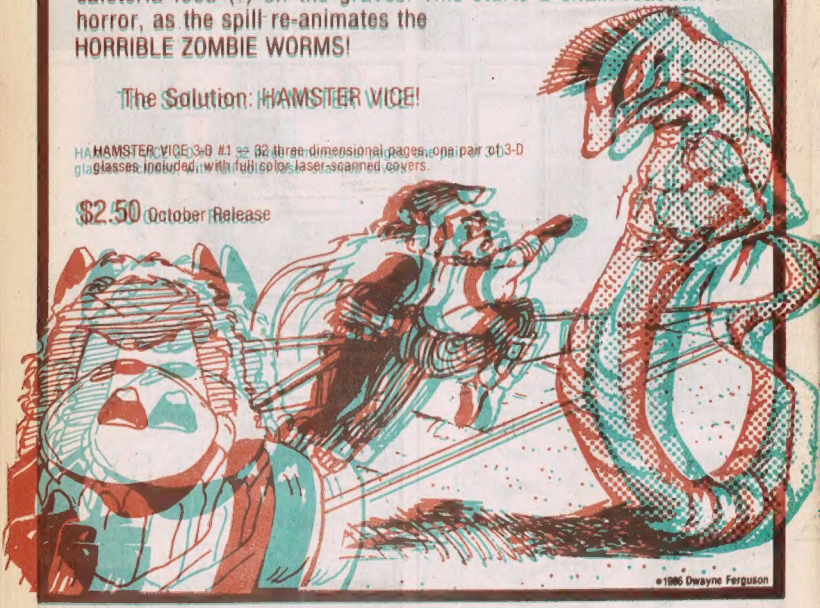

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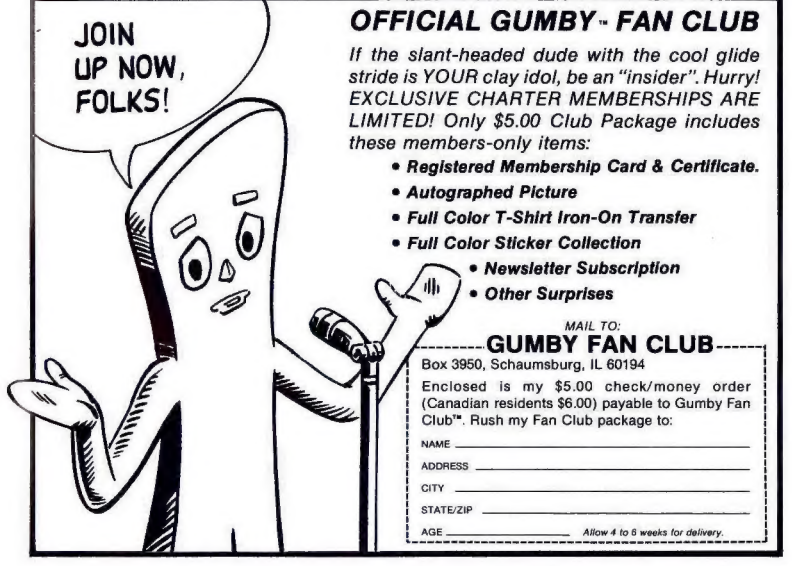

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